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Railroad Company. The tenor of the volume is a plea for a cessation of hostile public sentiment, and for an era of friendly coöperation between railway companies, railway employees and shippers. Mr. Elliott summarizes the present difficulties of American railways as follows: "Upon the one hand there is a critical public. Upon the other, the railroads are struggling with the forces which are causing rates to remain stationary or to decline, causing wages to rise or to remain stationary, bringing demands from a prosperous and luxurious people for increasingly expensive facilities and service, and causing taxation to rise at an alarming rate. These four forces are all at work reducing the margin between income and outgo and making it more and more difficult for the owners of railroad properties to keep their lines in suitable condition to carry on the business of the country, and to obtain a return commensurate with the risk of the business and sufficient to attract further investment."

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KOSER, REINHOLD. *Friedrich der Grosse. Volksausgabe.* Pp. 533. Price, 6 m. Stuttgart: J. G. Cotta'sche Buchhandlung Nachfolger.

Those who lack the time to read Koser's three volume *History of Frederick the Great* will be grateful for this compact biography in one handy volume by the most competent living authority. This book was prepared to satisfy the popular interest that developed on the occasion of the two hundredth anniversary of Frederick's birth, and it naturally emphasizes the personal element. It consists mainly of extracts from the large work suitably linked together with connecting narrative, so that it does not give the impression of a mosaic. "Those chapters of the large work which are primarily of biographical interest, excluding the technical details of diplomatic, military, and administrative history are reproduced practically complete." The first chapter is an excellent summary in thirty-three pages of the author's small work *Frederick the Great as Crown Prince*. The book realizes excellently the purpose of the author to give a comprehensive, clearly-defined picture of the career and personality of the famous autocrat.

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LAMPRECHT, KARL. *Deutsche Geschichte der jüngsten Vergangenheit und Gegenwart. Erster Band.* Pp. 518. Price, 8 m. Berlin: Weidmann'sche Buchhandlung.

In 1909 Professor Lamprecht published the final volume of his well-known *Deutsche Geschichte*, of which the first appeared in 1891. The first five volumes—through the reformation—came in rapid succession, after which there was a long halt. From 1901 to 1904 he wrote three substantial volumes on recent German History—the "Ergänzungswerk." Then in extremely rapid order appeared the remaining seven volumes of the main work. After a brief interval Professor Lamprecht again took up the subject-matter of the *Ergänzungswerk* and planned out a new work in six volumes, which he entitles *Deutsche Geschichte der jüngsten Vergangenheit und Gegenwart*.